

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant: Heicko Schwarz et al.
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RESPONSE UNDER 37 CFR §1.111

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Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

Responsive to the Office Action dated October 25, 2011 having a shortened statutory period for responses which expires on January 25, 2012, Applicants hereby submit the following Amendment with the accompanying remarks. Reconsideration of the application in view of the Amendment is respectfully requested.

Listing and Amendments to the Claims begin on page 2 of this paper; and **Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 7 of this paper.